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Subject: 2005 Acton Star Party Update

Hi all...

With just 11 days until the Acton Star Party.. and all the plans are falling into place.

You can check out www.actonstarparty.com

I have placed information and directions up there.

I will also intend to use it to post the GO/NO GO status on the scheduled day of the Star Party.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a shout....

I look forward to seeing you all soon enough...

-sjf

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March 14, 2005
 Parker-Damon Building
 11 Charter Road
 Acton, MA 01720
 42° 28.597' N / 71° 27.229' W

For more information, contact Steven Feinstein.

Current Status: GREEN

Welcome to one of the largest School Star Parties in Massachusetts.

In Acton, Astronomy is introduced at the 4th Grade level. You will be participating in the 3rd Annual Star Party designed specifically for these young minds.

Close to 400 students and their parents (750+ participants in all) will be attending! It should prove to be quite a party.

Date	March 14, 2005. Inclement weather dates: 3/15, 3/16, 3/17, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24
Times	Setup time: 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. Observing time: 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.
Location	Parker Damon Building, 11 Charter Road, Acton, MA 01720. Driving Directions
Contact	Steven Feinstein 617.834.0014 or via email

A number of indoor activities (located throughout the school) are planned to get the kids thinking and excited before they come outside to visit you and the stars. Planned indoor activities include:

- **Alan MacRobert** (Sr. Editor, Sky & Tel) will conduct star tours following a mini-lecture
- **Bob Naeye** (Sr. Editor, Sky & Tel) will talk about the Cassini-Huygens and Mars Rover Missions
- **Paul "Galileo" Manning** (www.spacemanning.net) will be describing the evening's highlights.
- **Joe Caruso** (Sr. Astronomer Oakridge Observatory) will talk about the lunar phases
- Saturn, Ring World mini-Imax show courtesy of **Hung Pham** of e-Planetarium
- Astronomy Multimedia Slide Show courtesy of HST and **Gary Green**
- Craft area where kids can build their own personal planisphere
- Hot Chocolate (donated by **Roche Bros.**)
- Coffee (donated by **Dunkin Donuts**)
- Red Flashlights for the students (donated by **Haartz Corporation**)
- Chili/Snacks (donated by **Parent volunteers**)

And of course, we have the Astronomers bringing their telescopes or binoculars from ATMoB and other local clubs. Space has been reserved in the back of the building for the Astronomers to set up their telescopes. If you need to park next to your telescope, just drive around the back from the lower parking lot and left side of the building. This will allow you to setup your scopes next to or very near your car.

Cancellation Information

Clouds or extreme low temperature should cancel the evening's events. If you can handle the cold, so can the kids. We will consult local weather forecasters and make a decision by 1:00p.m. on the scheduled day of the Star Party. If the event is to be canceled or postponed to the next date, we will make every attempt to contact you using the contact

information you provided. If you have any doubts, you can always call **Steven Feinstein** at **(617) 835-0014**.

Thank you for volunteering your time, enthusiasm, and experience.